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- The man who labors but for himself.
- Is one of the men who fail;
- No matter how vast his piles of pelf.
- He is one of the men who fail!
- The man who has never enjoyed the thrill
- That follows a kindness shown.
- Has never won, and he never will—
- Though the earth were all his own.

—W. D. Nesbitt.

## THE ZEMSTVOV OF RUSSIA.

Since the zemstvos, the representatives of the Russian provincial district assemblies have been the first great body of Russians to demand of the czar the establishment of a parliament for the government of Russia, there has been much curiosity to know who these people are.

The zemstvos (the term applying equally to the assembly itself and its representatives) are the modern development of the old Slavonic institution of the mir, or self-governing community, dating from the earliest days. Each village, or "mir," selected its own elder and settled its affairs by assemblies of the inhabitants.

Women, if heads of families, were allowed to vote as well as men. Several villages would unite to form a commune, the communes in turn a federative union, and the federative unions into a still larger body or district assembly, originally the basis of a large city with its suburbs. These districts were finally grouped together into provinces.

Under the new regime since Alexander II, each district has had its own zemstvo or assembly, whose members are chosen in fixed proportion by the peasant mirs, corporations or the towns, and the landed properties. Political questions are rigorously excluded from the deliberations of these assemblies. They decide upon roads, bridges, schools and public buildings, and other matters of public interest.

Over 50 years ago it was predicted that from these assemblies would arise some system of electoral colleges for the choice of representatives to some future great national council or parliament. That prediction appears to be coming true.

The president says that "more important than any legislation in settling the difficulties between capital and labor, is the gradual growth of a feeling of responsibility and forbearance among capitalists and wage-earners, alike; a feeling of broad community interest, not merely among capitalists themselves, nor among wage workers themselves, but in the relations of each class to the other." Such a growth of feeling is impossible as long as the rich can purchase congresses, legislatures and judges. As long as government favoritism multiplies the power and opportunity of wealth and impoverishes and narrows the privileges of the masses, such a community of interest is impossible. Such a condition will come when the wealthy classes are made to know that they are not the whole government and when the masses are made to know that they are reckoned in the forces of society.

What nature failed to do for Pendleton, the enterprise of her citizens must supply. Boise and Baker City have each found natural flows of hot water near at hand, and public baths and city parks are thus made easy to reach. In Pendleton no such good fortune has been found. Even the supply of cold water for the city must be begged from private owners and a public park must be made by the costly process of filling in a gravelled on the river bottom. Even these difficulties do not cause Pendleton to get down her hands, and stop. She will have a park and a natatorium in

time. Where such things must be hewn out of nature in the most unpromising state. It requires time and money and patience. If the present city administration can't do it, the matter will be carried over to the next and the next, indefinitely. It will be accomplished in time. The city was not deprived of its saloon licenses at the recent election and it now remains for the council to take some steps to make Pendleton a home-like town, if it wishes to check the demand for prohibition. Thirty saloons and their inevitable companion evils of gambling, prostitution, and drunkenness, with not one public place, except in the middle of a street, where band concerts may be held or the people gather to enjoy the summer evenings, is the situation now. Even a row of rustic seats around the court house lawn and a band stand in the center, would be something. Something beside the licensing of evils must be done, if the prohibition sentiment is to be allayed.

It will be a sad disappointment to engineers and mechanics to learn that the monster turbine engines built for the Victorian, one of the largest passenger steamers afloat, have utterly failed to make a satisfactory showing, either in speed or power, on an official test at Glasgow. The mechanical world has been waiting long for the turbine steam engine to do away with the reciprocating parts of the cylinder and crank engine, reduce the friction and wear and create a smooth, steady power on 50 per cent less fuel. The greatest machinists of the shipbuilding world have been engaged on the Victorian's engines, and their failure to produce expected results, is a blow to the plans of the experimenters. On a small scale the turbine engine is a success. In stationary plants they are in successful operation and have proved to be economical and powerful. The most difficult feature of their operation on vessels is the impossibility of reversing them quickly in case of danger or in handling the vessel in harbor. No convenient reversing principle has yet been designed, but in spite of this, the Victorian was equipped with them, at a cost of \$200,000. A most successful type of small turbine engine is in use on the electric headlight motors on the O. R. & N. engines, but the larger type seems to be a failure.

If C. E. S. Wood were a poor, uneducated man, his anarchistic views would make him a mark for the secret service. Since he is a scholar and fairly well-to-do, his extreme views only serve to lionize him. This only proves the narrow prejudice of the world in favor of good clothes, clean collars and social station. Wood's anarchy expounded by a street arab would not be half so dangerous as it is propounded by Wood, because the street Arab would have no influence, while Wood's intelligence invites investigation from many of the best people, simply because it is Wood expounding the anarchy. Wood is capable of flinging the boomerang in a wider circle than the Arab, because Wood's influence as an intellectual force is immeasurably wider than that of the street orator. If it is a question of who can sow the tares farthest, Wood is the greater peril of the two, despite his intellectuality and high standing. Very few reformers will accept Mr. Wood's system of society when it is known that he would prevent the vulgarities of the divorce court by abolishing the marriage ceremony, and that he would remove all law, when law is the first principle of the universe. The system is too startling to invite serious consideration.

A public school teacher in Juniper district, Owyhee county, Idaho, recently received the following note: "Sir: Will you please for the future give my boy some easier names to do nites. This is what he brought home to or three nites ago. If fore gallons of here will fill 22 pint bottles, how many pint and a half bottles will nine gallons fill? Well, we tried and could make nothing of it at all, and my boy cried and sed he wouldn't go back without it. So I had to go and by a nine gallon keg of here, which I could ill afford to do, and

then we went and borrowed a lot of wine and brandy bottle, besides a few we had by us. Well, we emptied the keg into the bottles and there were 19 and my boy put that down for an answer. I don't know whether it is rite or not, as we split some doing it. P. S.—Please let the next one be water, as I am not able to buy any more here."

## DISCOVERING THE COLUMBIA.

On October 16, 1804, Lewis and Clark, drifting down the Snake river in their burnt-out log canoes, from a long sojourn among the friendly Nez Perces, in Idaho, suddenly came upon the junction of the two great streams—the Snake and the Columbia.

So far as is known, it was the first time a white man's eyes had ever beheld the magnificent stream above its mouth. Captain Gray had crossed the bar on May 11, 1792, and had sailed up the placid bosom of the Columbia for 25 miles, but that was the extent of exploration on the Columbia, until this October day, in 1804, 12 years afterward, when Lewis and Clark in their flotilla of canoes, swept into its blue waters, where it was joined by the muddy Snake.

But let Mrs. Dye tell the story. In "The Conquest," the following description of the discovery of the Columbia by Lewis and Clark is given:

"The last council was held with the Nez Perces on the present site of Lewiston. Then the seaward journey was resumed. Day by day through wild, romantic scenes, where white man's foot had never trod, the exultant explorers were gliding to the goal! Ahead of the boats on horseback, galloped an Indian express, preparing the wondering tribes for the coming of the white men. At the confluence of the Snake and Columbia rivers, the explorers were met by a procession of 200 Indians with drums, singing, 'Ke-hai, ke-hai,' the redman's signal of friendship.

"All the Indian world seemed encamped on the Columbia. Everywhere and everywhere were 'incomprehensible multitudes' of salmon. They could be seen 20 feet deep in the water; they lay on the surface; they floated ashore. Hundreds of Indians were splitting them and spreading them on scaffolds to dry. The inhabitants ate salmon, slept on salmon, traded in salmon and burnt dried salmon as fuel to cook salmon.

"With a piece of charcoal a Yakima chief drew on a robe an accurate map of the Columbia river and its tributaries, so valuable that Clark afterward transferred it to paper. The original map on the robe was carried home to Jefferson and hung up by him in Monticello. The trails were marked on it by meacum tracks and the villages by clusters of tepees."

The walls of the forestry building at the Lewis and Clark centennial are now in place, and workmen are busy putting on the roof. The building has proved interesting beyond all expectation to early visitors at the fair grounds.



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